

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF March 20, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE:

Al Floyd	Albert Grant	Ray Jones	Barbara Sherman
Dick Sherman	Dick Sullivan	Tom Talamini	Debbie Talamini
Scott Tripp			

ABSENT:

Alan Baker	Joanne Drapeau	Ken Francis
Sue Gaffney	Jim Halloran	Lois Noble

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 PM
2. **MINUTES** of Regular February 20, 2014: Minutes were approved, with one abstention (D. Sullivan).
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** 5d) BMX Duck Race; 5e) Guest Melissa Maltese – EW Park & Rec
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – Water levels rising.
 - b. Water testing – Water samples were collected and dropped off at Dr. Martins for testing.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Snow is melting and getting muddy; icy in spots.
 - d. Window decals – two stickers sold at meeting = 42 remaining. Information on new patch emblems are still in progress.
 - e. February Work Party – Members cabled lower bridges. Save the date notices for June CT Trails Day have been posted in our two kiosks.
 - f. Patch Blog / Facebook – No current blogs. Facebook has been updated with current trail conditions.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. March/April work party: March work day - The lower bridges were cabled down so they don't float away when the river rises. April 5 will be next work day. Project plans are to use the ATV to get the large planks out to the mud walk area to repair and rebuild in the Scantic River State Park. Question was raised about status of Norton property. Dick Sherman reported that there have been no new developments. A query was asked about bridge status off Old Ellington Road trail, no update available.
 - b. SRWA – March 30, 2014 is their Spring Splash.
 - c. April meeting will be combined with the Town's POCD project. Planner Laurie Whitten will announce meeting place, to hold a larger number of attendees.
 - d. BMX committee inquiring about our willingness to help with their annual Rubber Duck Race. Deb Talamini to get in touch with Laura Harney to secure a date as we are willing to help with their Duck Race and coordinate it with our annual Cardboard Boat Race. Committee agreed to launch ducks at 1:00 and Boat Race to start at 2:00pm on designated date.
 - e. Guest Melissa Maltese from EW Park and Rec offered resources to work with our committee to promote awareness to the Town for our activities and Trail conditions/work days/events, etc. Our commission is appreciative for Melissa's offer to collaborate with us and also possibly promote work day student volunteers through the High School's guidance office

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Talamini – 3/24/2014